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Terry Goddard Warns of Magazine Sales Scam

(Phoenix, Ariz. – May 4, 2007) Attorney General Terry Goddard today warned consumers about a door-to-door magazine sales scam that is targeting cities throughout Arizona.

Residents of at least five Valley cities and Prescott have been visited by young people who identified themselves as students from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University. The "students" told residents they were selling magazine subscriptions to earn money for a summer trip to London. Residents were asked to write checks payable to Integrity TGM. Several "students" said they lived in the neighborhood or nearby the homes they visited.

This is a scam. The Cronkite School does not solicit donations door-to-door and is not associated with this magazine sales effort. The school has recently received an increased number of complaints and inquiries about these door-to-door sales.

For more information from the Cronkite School, please contact Associate Dean Frederic Leigh at 480-965-5011 or rederic.leigh@asu.edu.

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, please contact the Attorney General's Office in Phoenix at 602.542.5763; in Tucson at 520.628.6504; or outside the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas at 1.800.352.8431. To file a complaint in person, the Attorney General's Office has 31 satellite offices throughout Arizona with volunteers available to help. Locations and hours are posted on the Attorney General's Web site at www.azag.gov.

Please visit the Attorney General's Web site to sign up for scam alerts and weekly messages from Attorney General Goddard.